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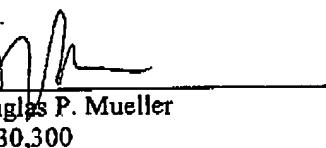
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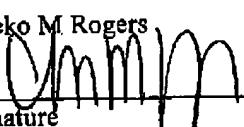
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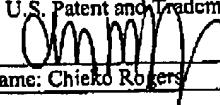
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Dear Sir:

With respect to the reference cited in this application, but not yet initialed, Applicants respectfully note that copies of the references were filed in the parent application Serial No. 08/847,745, filed April 22, 1997. Copies of the documents are submitted herewith for the Examiner's convenience. Applicants note U.K. Patent Application 2090659 listed in the Form 1449 is the indicated Great Britain equivalent for JP 57-132900, as mentioned in the Form 1449. Applicants respectfully request that the Forms 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner be returned to the undersigned, and that this information be printed on the issued patent.

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